

Building and Improvement



COAST ACTIVE IN BUILDING

Although a seasonal influence affecting certain cities and a walk-out of carpenters, which has retarded building activities in others, have combined to reduce the volume of building permits issued during May in the Pacific coast states, a grand total of 12,629 per-

mits involving \$43,995,657 in construction costs were issued during May in the 52 cities comprised in the Pacific coast section of the National Monthly Building Survey of S. W. Straus & Co.

Vancouver, British Columbia, Seattle, San Diego, Sacramento and Berkeley, among the larger cities of this list, report substantial increases over the records for the previous month and over those of last May. All of the other leading cities, however, show declines in the volume of building projected. Of the entire list, 53 made gains over the records of May, 1925, and 27 report gains over the April figures.

The greatest relative increase in building activity on the Pacific coast are reported from Vancouver, B. C. In the Vancouver metropolitan area, 717 permits for buildings to cost \$2,529,525 were issued during May, which reflects a 44 per cent increase over the comparable figure for last year and a slight gain over April of this year. In the city of Vancouver, increases of 5 per cent over April and of 92 per cent over May are reported.

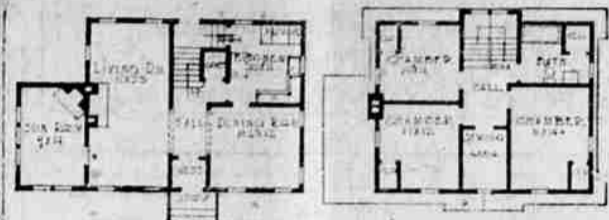
Los Angeles issued 2960 building permits during May at a total construction cost of \$16,762,344. This

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A DUTCH COLONIAL



(By W. W. Purdy)
The home here illustrated is what is termed a Dutch Colonial, a type of home very popular in the New England states. With its broad frontage, the home gives the appearance of a much larger home than the plans will reveal. The exterior walls are of a wide siding, painted white, using a soldier-course of brick at the grade; green blinds and green shingled roof add



shows a 4 per cent decline from April's total and a 35 per cent decline from that of last May.

San Francisco's May total of \$27 building permits to cost \$2,634,875 reflects the refusal of builders to undertake new construction pending a settlement of an existing walk-out of organized carpenters, although a large volume of construction is projected. The May total is 24 per cent below that of May of last year and is 63 per cent below the figures for April.

Portland issued 954 permits for buildings to cost \$3,962,925, during May, a 2 per cent reduction from April's record and 16 per cent below that of last May.

Among the smaller cities of the Pacific coast which report substantial gains in May's building record are: All of the Vancouver, B. C. group but one; Bellingham, Everett and Vancouver, Wash.; Eugene, Klamath Falls and Salem, Ore.; Lewiston and Nampa, Ida.; Tucson, Ariz., and following California cities: Burlingame, Compton, Emeryville, Eureka, Ontario, Palom Verde, Redlands, Richmond, Riverside, Sallinas, Santa Ana, Santa Barbara, South Gate, Vernon and Whittier.

La Grande's figure for May was \$26,930 compared with \$39,265 in May, 1925.

to its attractiveness. The exposed portion of the chimney is of red Colonial brick.

Plans of a center hall type permit this home to be of the best possible arrangement. The living room with a fireplace is at the left of the hall, and French doors open onto a fair sized sun room with a corner fireplace. This double fireplace utilizes one chimney and therefore the additional cost of the extra fireplace amounts to only a very small sum. The dining room is not very large, but of sufficient size to accommodate a family of six very nicely. The large glazed archway between the dining room and the hall permits a table to be extended on extra special days, family reunions, etc. The kitchen is complete and there is a breakfast alcove in a corner. A grade door serves as a rear entrance.

On the second floor are three medium sized chambers, together with a sewing room and bath, all opening off a center hall. The closets are provided for by using the clipped corners of the bedrooms, but are sufficiently high to permit the hanging of clothes.

In the basement are the usual laundry, heating plant, storage room, etc. These are all partitioned off and plastered. The floors throughout are oak with pine for linoleum in the kitchen and tile in the bath. The woodwork is pine for enamelling with birch, mahogany or walnut doors. By enclosing the stairway as shown, expenses here have been greatly reduced. The cost of this home should not exceed \$6000, exclusive of heating and plumbing, in almost any locality and using the best of material throughout.

EUGENE—Estimated cost of buildings started in May is \$240,700.

PENDLETON—Work to start on new \$27,000 building for Church of Christ, Scientist.

PORTLAND—Hirsch-Wohl Manufacturing company remodels factory at cost of \$100,000.

CLATSkanie—Contracts let for Odd Fellows hall to cost \$20,000.

KLAMATH FALLS—Harry Poole will build large theater.

HOOD RIVER—Vinegar plant, burned last year, being rebuilt larger.



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EUGENE—New Whiteaker and Edison grade schools will cost \$50,500.

Permits

June 9—Permit issued to George Burns to alter and repair a dwelling on Third between Jefferson and Grandy, work to cost \$200.
June 12—Permit issued to Jack

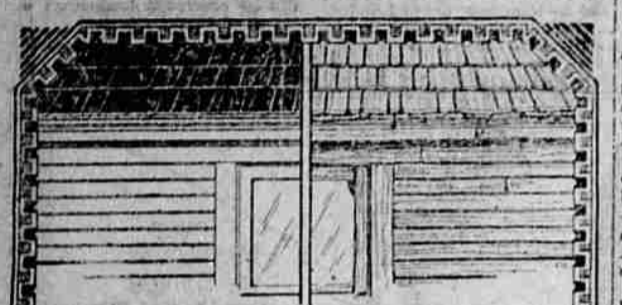
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CLATSkanie—Health resort to be built at Warm Springs near here.

SALISBURY—\$250,000 Elsinore theater opens.

MIDFORD—Oak Grove district to build new school house.

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